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Classified by Charge d'Affaires Martin Quinn, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) Post requested formal agreement to the date of March 11 for the Gulf Security Dialogue (GSD) in Abu Dhabi through two channels: 1) letter to GHQ and 2) diplomatic note. GHQ replied formally on February 4 with a letter agreeing to March 11 for GSD (and March 12-13 for the JMC -- Joint Military Commission). The note simply states that the UAE welcomes the third round of GSD on that date. MFA contacts state that GHQ has the lead on this dialogue, and that MFA will send representatives on the dates proposed, in coordination with GHQ. Neither GHQ nor MFA offered immediate input on agenda items or meeting structure.  
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